

New Mexico Legal Aid and District Courts across the state hosting free Expungement Law Teleclinic

Applications are being accepted for a Free Statewide Expungement Law Teleclinic.

The clinic, scheduled for Thursday, August 18 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM provides the opportunity to speak with an attorney about the process of having a criminal record expunged.

The New Mexico Criminal Records Expungement Act went into effect in January 2020, allowing qualifying individuals to petition a court for expungement of a number of criminal and related public records. Having such records expunged can clear roadblocks that people have encountered in getting jobs, securing housing or other vital areas of life.

There four categories of records eligible for expungement:

- Records involving a criminal charge resulting from identity theft
- Records related to a charge that did not result in a conviction
- Records relating to a charge that resulted in a conviction
- Automatic expungement of certain marijuana-related charges.

It is important to note that not all charges in these categories are eligible for expungement. Attorneys responding to calls at the Teleclinic will be able to tell you if the specific charge on your record is eligible for expungement. They also will be able to provide details on the process for expunging your specific record.

New Mexico Legal Aid's Volunteer Attorney Program is hosting the Teleclinic in conjunction with the Pro Bono Committees of seven District Courts across the state. Preregistration is required to attend the Teleclinic. Applications are being accepted through July 31. There are three ways to apply:

- You can simply [click here](#) to access an online application
- You can send an email to legalclinics@nmlegalaid.org
- Finally, you can apply by telephone at 1-877-266-9861.

“Many New Mexicans are eligible to have their criminal records expunged but do not know how or whether they are eligible. This clinic is a wonderful opportunity to help New Mexicans learn about their options,” said Judge Jane Levy, co-chair of the Second Judicial District Court’s Pro Bono Committee. “The Second Judicial District Court’s Pro Bono Committee is proud to partner with the Volunteer Attorney Pool at New Mexico Legal Aid to make this clinic happen.”